

**VIRGINIA BOARD OF VETERINARY MEDICINE  
SPECIAL SESSION - CONFERENCE CALL  
DECEMBER 19, 2011  
MINUTES**

**DATE, TIME & PLACE:** Ms. Leslie Knachel, Executive Director of the Virginia Board of Veterinary Medicine, affirmed that a good faith effort to assemble a quorum of the Board at a single location was not possible. Therefore, with all participating Board members having affirmed that they could not be physically present and pursuant to and in compliance with §54.1-2408.1 of the *Code of Virginia* (Code), a telephone conference call was convened on December 19, 2011, at 10:06 a.m. at the Department of Health Professions with a quorum of the Board present via teleconference and the Board President, Dr. Joseph May, presiding as Chair. Dr. May opened the meeting pursuant to Section 54.1-2408.1 of the Code.

**MEMBERS PRESENT:** Kelly Gottschalk, DVM  
Taryn Singleton, LVT  
Mark Johnson, DVM  
Constance Pozniak, DVM  
Carole Stadfield

**MEMBERS ABSENT:** James DeBell, DVM

**OTHERS PRESENT:** Diane Carey  
Dianna Cannon

**STAFF & OAG PRESENT:** Leslie Knachel, Executive Director  
Terri Behr, Operations Manager  
Peter Opper, Administrative Proceedings Division  
Asia Williams, Administrative Assistant  
Howard Casway, Senior Assistant Attorney General  
Wayne Halbleib, Senior Assistant Attorney General

**MATTER CONSIDERED:** **Dianna S. Cannon, LVT**  
**License No.: 0302001396**  
**Case No.: 141637**

The Board met by conference call to receive information in order to determine whether Ms.

Cannon's continued practice of veterinary technology constitutes a substantial danger to public health and safety. Mr. Halbleib presented the details of the case to the Board for its consideration.

**CLOSED SESSION:**

On properly seconded motion by Ms. Singleton, the Board recessed Open Session and convened in Closed Session pursuant to §2.2-3711(A)(27) of the Code for the purpose of deliberation to reach a decision in the matter of **Dianna S. Cannon, LVT**. Additionally, it was moved that Howard Casway, Leslie Knachel and Terri Behr attend the Closed Session because their presence was deemed necessary and would aid the Board in its deliberations. Having certified that the matters discussed in the preceding Closed Session met the requirements of §2.2-3712 of the Code, the Board reconvened in Open Session and announced its decision.

**DECISION:**

On properly seconded motion by Dr. Gottschalk, the Board voted 6-0 by roll call vote that based upon the testimony and evidence presented, the continued practice of veterinary technology by Dianna S. Cannon, LVT constitutes a substantial danger to the public's health and safety and warrants the summary suspension of Ms. Cannon's license to practice veterinary technology in the Commonwealth of Virginia.

On properly seconded motion by Dr. Gottschalk, the Board voted 6-0 by roll call vote to offer Ms. Cannon a Consent Order in lieu of a Formal Administrative Hearing for indefinite suspension of her license to practice veterinary technology. The suspension shall be stayed upon proof of entry in the Health Practitioner's Monitoring Program and Ms. Cannon remaining compliant thereafter. Any violation of the order would be grounds for the rescission of the stayed suspension.

**ADJOURNMENT:**

The conference call was adjourned at 10:58 a.m.

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Leslie L. Knachel, MPH  
Executive Director